

MAYOR PEREZ'S PUBLIC EVENTS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008

---- REVISED NEWS ADVISORY ---

10:30 a.m. --- Mayor Perez will help celebrate the groundbreaking of the YMCA of Greater Hartford's new Youth and Family Center on Albany Avenue. The Mayor will highlight how this project is a good example of private and public philanthropy joining forces to invest in the community. This is also an outstanding example of the economic development that is linking positive progress in Hartford's neighborhoods. This event will take place at 430 Albany Avenue in the city's Upper Albany neighborhood.

5:30 p.m. --- Mayor Perez will applaud the youngsters taking part in the American Institute of Architects' 7th Annual Connecticut "CANstruction" Competition! This program allows students from 15 schools around Connecticut and representatives from local architecture firms to work together to raise awareness of the worldwide hunger epidemic as well as demonstrate a lot of creativity. The teams of students and professionals design and construct a structure using canned foods as their primary building material. All the food items will be donated to Connecticut Food Bank and Food Share. This event will take place at the Connecticut Convention Center located at 100 Columbus Blvd in Downtown Hartford.

6:30 p.m. --- Hartford means business! Mayor Perez will take part in the grand opening celebration of Barca and present an officinal citation. Barca is an exiting new restaurant with a Spanish and Mediterranean menu. This celebration will take place on the 1st floor of the Design Center, located at 1429 Park Street in the Frog Hollow neighborhood.

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